



# Super Conductor Materials, Inc.

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## SAFETY DATA SHEET

Identity: Mercury Selenide

Formula: HgSe

### SECTION I - GENERAL INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Super Conductor Materials, Inc.

The information below is believed to be accurate and represents the best information available to Super Conductor Materials, Inc. However, SCM makes no warranty, expressed or implied with respect to such information and assumes no liability resulting from its use.

### SECTION II - HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS/IDENTITY INFORMATION

Molecular Weight: 279.55

CAS #	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	%
20601-83-6	NE	0.2mg/m3	NE

### SECTION III – PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Physical States: Powder

Boiling Point: N/A	Vapor Pressure (vs. air or mmHg): N/A
Melting Point: 600 – 650°C (1112-1202°F)	Density: 8.266 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Evaporation Rate: N/A	Flash Point: N/A
Solubility in water: Insoluble	

*Appearance and odor:* Grey powder, odorless

### SECTION IV - FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA:

*Method Used:* N/A      *Explosive Limits:* LEL: N/A      UEL: N/A  
*Extinguishing Media:* Use suitable extinguishing agent for surrounding material and type of fire

#### *Special Fire Fighting Procedures:*

Firefighters must wear full face, self-contained breathing apparatus with full protective clothing to prevent contact with skin and eyes. Fumes from fire are hazardous. Isolate runoff to prevent environmental pollution.

*Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:* In case of a fire, toxic metal oxide fume and hydrogen selenite can be released.



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## SECTION V - REACTIVITY DATA

*Stability:* No data

*Conditions to avoid:* Decompositions will not occur if used and stored according to specifications.

*Incompatibility:* Acids and oxidizing agents

*Hazardous Decomposition or Byproducts:* Toxic metal oxide fume and hydrogen selenide

*Hazardous Polymerization:* No dangerous reactions known

*Conditions to be avoid (hazardous polymerization):* No data

## SECTION VI - HEALTH HAZARD DATA

*Routes of entry:* Inhalation? No      Skin? Yes      Eyes? Yes      Ingestion? No      Other? No

### Signs and Symptoms of Overexposure:

*Inhalation:* No data

*Ingestion:* No Data

*Skin:* Irritant to skin and mucous membranes.

*Eyes:* Irritating effect.

### Health Hazards (Acute and Chronic):

To the best of our knowledge the acute and chronic toxicity of this substance is not fully known.

Acute and chronic exposure to inorganic mercury can cause salivation with metallic taste, pain on chewing, gingivitis, colitis, stomatitis, kidney damage, and central nervous system damage. The latter can cause tremors, convulsive or shaking movements and physic disturbances such as memory loss, insomnia, and loss of confidence, irritability and depression. Excessive exposure may result in death. Selenium may cause amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, bronchial irritation, gastrointestinal distress, vasopharyngeal irritation, garlic odor on breath and sweat, metallic taste, pallor, irritability, excessive fatigue, loss of fingernails and hair, pulmonary edema, anemia and weight loss.

### Emergency and First Aid Procedures:

*Inhalation:* Remove victim to fresh air, keep warm and quiet, and give oxygen if breathing is difficult; seek medical attention

*Ingestion:* Give 1-2 glasses of milk or water and induce vomiting, seek medical attention. Never induce vomiting or give anything by mouth to an unconscious person

*Skin:* Remove contaminated clothing, brush material off skin, wash affected area with mild soap and water, and seek medical attention if symptoms persist

*Eye:* Flush eyes with lukewarm water, lifting upper and lower eyelids for at least 15 minutes and seek medical attention

## SECTION VII - PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFE HANDLING AND USE

### *Steps to be taken in case material is released or spilled:*

Wear appropriate respiratory and protective equipment specified in section VIII. Isolate spill area, provide ventilation and extinguish sources of ignition. Vacuum up spill using a high efficiency particulate absolute (HEPA) air filter and place in a closed container for proper disposal. Take care not to raise dust.



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*Waste disposal method:*

Dispose of in accordance with state, local, and federal regulations.

*Hazard Label Information:*

Store in cool, dry area and in tightly sealed container. Wash thoroughly after handling.

*Precautions:* Do not store together with acids and store away from oxidizing agents.

### SECTION VIII - CONTROL MEASURES

*Protective Equipment Summary (Hazard Label Information):*

NIOSH approved respirator, impervious gloves, safety glasses, clothes to prevent contact.

*Ventilation:*

Local Exhaust: To maintain concentration at low exposure levels.

Mechanical (General): Recommended.

*Work/Hygienic/Maintenance Practices:*

Implement engineering and work practice controls to reduce and maintain concentration of exposure at low levels. Use good housekeeping and sanitation practices. Do not use tobacco or food in work area. Wash thoroughly before eating or smoking. Do not blow dust off clothing or skin with compressed air.

Please be advised that N/A can either mean Not Applicable or No Data Has Been Established